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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 3837

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, MY
SUBJECT: MALAYSIA'S DEATH SENTENCE

1. ON JUNE 16 THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS, TAN SRI MURAD AHMAD, ANNOUNCED THAT THERE ARE NOW 45 PERSONS IN PRISON IN MALAYSIA WHO HAVE RECEIVED DEATH SENTENCES, COMPARED TO THREE IN 1973. HE NOTED THAT THE FIGURE HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE AMENDMENTS TO THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT AND THE FIREARMS ACT. HE ALSO SAID THAT NO SENTENCES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT RECENTLY BECAUSE OF PENDING APPEALS TO HIGHER COURTS AND PARDON BOARDS.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY A HIGHLY-PLACED LAWYER RECENTLY THAT THE GOM DOES NOT INTEND TO CARRY OUT ANY OF THE DEATH SENTENCES CURRENTLY PENDING BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE VIEWED AS "BARBARIC" BY THE PUBLIC AND BY THE OUTSIDE WORLD. HE SAID THAT MOST WOULD BE CONVERTED TO 21-YEAR SENTENCES WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT MOST OF THOSE SO CONVICTED WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER SERVING 14 YEARS. THIS POLICY WILL NOT
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BE ANNOUNCED FOR FEAR OF DILUTING THE DETERRENT VALUE OF THE DEATH SENTENCE.
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